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In re Application of

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DANIELE BAGNI ET AL.

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 24,
2001, please consider the following:

R E M A R K S

Claims 1-9 stand finally rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Ng in view of de Haan et al. (True-Motion Estimation with 3-D Recursive Search Block Matching). Based on the following, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

In response to the above rejection, it is respectfully submitted that the claims recite features neither taught nor suggested by Ng in view of de Haan et al. In particular such features include "filtering (MVPF) every occurrence of said first motion vectors (MVc, MVl, MVR, MVA, MVb) to